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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HB1732
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AN ACT to encourage the reduction of the use of pesticides in
Tennessee schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The general assembly makes the following findings:

- (1) Pesticides are used within the state of Tennessee;
- (2) School populations include children and people with other conditions that predispose them to adverse physiological reactions to chemicals;
- (3) Pests can best be controlled through integrated pest management programs and methods that are the least harmful to human health; and
- (4) The goal of this bill is to promote pesticide use reduction and to promote the use of integrated pest management in schools.

SECTION 2. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) includes the following elements:

- (1) Identifying pests of concern;
- (2) Establishing monitoring and recordkeeping;
- (3) Setting action thresholds where pest populations or environmental conditions warrant remedial action;

(4) The prevention of pest problems by sanitation, waste management, physical barriers, and habitat modification;

(5) Reliance on nontoxic, biological, cultural, or mechanical, natural control or methods, when possible;

(6) When necessary, chemical pesticides, preferring those least harmful to human health and the environment;

(7) Recordkeeping and reporting;

(8) Making information available about pesticides;

(9) Ensuring that all school pesticide applicators are under the direct supervision of a person licensed and chartered to apply pesticides by the state of Tennessee, and are certified as applicators by the state of Tennessee;

(10) Developing a posting and notification policy to meet local needs and requirements;

(11) An adequate record keeping system for pesticides used;

(12) Developing a pesticide emergency plan; and

(13) Developing guidelines which minimize exposure to people and other non-target species and which pay particular attention to those individuals that may be at higher risk.

SECTION 3. Each local education agency is encouraged but not required to adopt an integrated pest management program as defined in Section 2.

SECTION 4. The commissioner of education may promulgate rules for the implementation of integrated pest management in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.